

## REMARKS

The specification and claims have been carefully reviewed in light of the Examiner's election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of October 23, 2009.

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 37 C.F.R. 1.499:

- Group I: Claims 1-9, 20-21, drawn to water dispersible and water soluble porous bodies.
- Group II: Claims 10-19, drawn to a method for preparing water dispersible or water soluble porous bodies.

In response to the office action of October 23, 2009, applicants hereby elect the following, with traverse:

- Group I – Claims 1-9, 20-21.

Applicants respectfully submit that Groups I and II relate to a single inventive concept. A common technical feature is: water dispersible or water soluble porous bodies having an intrusion volume as measured by mercury porosimetry of at least about 3 ml/g. Such a feature is not disclosed in JP 01011141. The Office Action position notwithstanding, JP 01011141 cannot be used to assert that there is no special technical feature such as to lead to a *posteriori* rejection for lack of unity. Unity of invention is present here.

## **CONCLUSION**

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any questions concerning the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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